

CITY COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT:

The City Council is committed to providing sound legislative decisions to promote effective governance, planning, and outstanding services to the citizens of Fresno.

The City Council establishes policy direction for the City by enacting ordinances and resolutions necessary to provide essential legislation; reviewing and adopting the annual budget; levying taxes and establishing such other sources of revenue as may be necessary to fund approved appropriations; reviewing and voting on recommendations presented by Boards and Commissions that are established by Council; authorizing contracts and bonds for the City; granting franchises; and establishing other policies and measures which promote the general welfare. The City Council consists of seven Council members who represent their respective districts. The Council President is appointed by the City Council to serve a one-year term. Elected officials are bound by a two term limit of four years each. The City Council also appoints the City Attorney and City Clerk.

The Mayor and City Council appoint members of the community to serve on the City's various Boards and Commissions, ensuring that a wide cross-section of the community is represented in City government.

Council Goals include:

- Continued focus on neighborhood restoration. Numerous City neighborhoods benefitted from the multi-pronged strategy of rehabilitated streets, focused code enforcement, and problem oriented policing.
- Representation on City regional Boards and Committees.
- Maintain constituents communication with direct contact through personal services, mail, and email.
- Long range neighborhood infrastructure planning.
- Addressing the region's unemployment problems.
- Downtown revitalization.
- Preservation of historic buildings.
- Creation of affordable housing.
- Attraction of international airlines.
- Support senior facilities which serve the elder citizens of our community.
- Consolidation of BNSF Railroad along Union Pacific tracks/State Highway 99 corridor.
- Promoting Fresno as a tourist location.
- Citywide beautification.
- Master Plan for funding safety services.

Tom Boyajian - District 1

Councilmember Boyajian has represented Fresno's District One on the City Council for five years, and has served as Council President for two years. Mr. Boyajian is currently the Chairman of the Redevelopment Agency and the Interagency Housing Task Force Committee. He is also currently a member of the Blue Ribbon Commission for the UC Medical Center, and a member of the Transportation Committee for Measure C.

A native Fresnan, Mr. Boyajian has spent most of his life in the fruit basket of the world. He is a graduate of Historic Fresno High School, and received a diploma from both Fresno City College and California State University, Fresno. Mr. Boyajian currently holds a law degree from the Golden Gate University Law School in San Francisco. During his studies at Golden Gate Law School, Mr. Boyajian was called to duty with the Army during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Boyajian is a self-employed attorney and has been practicing law in the City of Fresno for the last 24 years. Mr. Boyajian has delved into a multitude of business practices ranging from being an owner/manager of Zapp's Park, Inc. to instructing students at Fresno City College. His professional career in law has included serving as a Judge Pro-Tem in Superior, Municipal, Juvenile, Family Support, and Small Claims Courts. He has also participated as a Superior Court Arbitrator. Mr. Boyajian's devotion to social and community matters includes the American Cancer Society, Neighborhood Watch, Police Activities League (P.A.L.), and Big Brother-Big Sisters (support group and Board of Directors). He has also lent a hand in the Emotional Trouble Suicide Prevention Hot Line.

Brian Calhoun - District 2

Councilmember Calhoun has a BA degree from UC Davis, a MA degree from Syracuse University, and a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Calhoun also served as an officer in the Army during the Vietnam War. Mr. Calhoun and wife, Elaine, have resided in District 2 since their return to California in 1988. Their children, Bryce and Whitney, are graduates of Clovis West High School.

For the past 27 years, Mr. Calhoun has been employed in the field of education as both an administrator and an instructor in Wisconsin, Chicago, and Fresno. Additionally, he has served as an elected County Supervisor in Wisconsin. Mr. Calhoun's community involvement in Fresno includes Citizens for Integrity in Government, Tree Fresno, "Kids Day", and the Chamber of Commerce.

**Cynthia Sterling - District 3**

Councilmember Cynthia Ann Sterling was born in 1951 at Saint Agnes Hospital in Fresno. Her parents are the late Feltus Leroy Sterling, Sr. and Elma P. Sterling. She attended Columbia Elementary School and Irwin Jr. High School in the West Fresno area. Her high school years were spent at San Joaquin Memorial High School (SJM) where she was active in school politics and multiple social activities. She graduated from SJM in 1969 and went to New Orleans, Louisiana to study at Xavier University, a historically African-American college. She graduated in 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. During her college years, Ms. Sterling was active in learning about urban development, city planning, and political processes. After her return to California, Ms. Sterling began an active life in making communities a better place to live for all people. She lived and worked in the Oakland, California area for several years and began Master level studies in public planning at CSU, Hayward. She returned to Fresno in the early 1980's to join the family business, Sterling Funeral Home, as the Assistant Manager.



Ms. Sterling has been active in multiple diverse social and political organizations. She was the Governor of District 6 for the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association (NFD&MA) serving the six western states of California, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, and New Mexico. She served as the President of Jack and Jill of America, and as a member of the Board of Directors of Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and the Golden Valley Girl Scouts. She became the founder and organizer of the Emerald Debutante Ball for the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, an event that continues to encourage young women from the San Joaquin Valley to pursue their higher education studies and to train to become leaders of the future.

Ms. Sterling is an active member of Saint Alphonsus Catholic Church. She is the past President of the Black Catholics Association and has represented the organization at local, state, and national meetings.

In 2003, Ms. Sterling made history in Fresno, California by becoming the first African-American woman to be elected to the Fresno City Council. She continues to work as Manager of Sterling Funeral Home and is a Supervising Agent for Golden State Mutual Insurance.

Brad Castillo - District 4

Councilmember Castillo was elected to the Fresno City Council as the representative of the 4th Council District. Mr. Castillo received his committee assignments at the beginning of his term. He is currently serving as Vice Chairman of the Fresno Redevelopment Agency and as Vice Chairman of the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board. The committee assignments are very prestigious for an elected official, as the Redevelopment Agency position has a tremendous potential to not only serve the City, but District 4 as well. In January 2004, Councilmember Castillo was elected by his colleagues to serve as Council President.



Elected to his first term in the fall of 2000, Councilmember Castillo worked tirelessly to ensure he talked to every constituent in District 4, working hard to get his message out of neighborhood revitalization, creating a resurgence of Downtown Fresno, controlled growth, stronger code enforcement, and public safety. Councilmember Castillo was endorsed by the Fresno Police Officers Association, Fresno County Deputy Sheriffs Association, Fresno Firefighters Association, and the Fresno City Employees Association.

Mr. Castillo attended local public schools in Fresno, graduating from Roosevelt High School in 1975. He attended the University of San Francisco on an athletic scholarship where he majored in Business Administration. Mr. Castillo was born in 1956 and has two children, Kyle 15 and Kelsey 11. Before his election to the Council, Mr. Castillo worked as a foster parent recruiter for Golden State Family Services where he was responsible for monitoring 140 foster children from Mariposa to Kern County. His community involvement activities include working with the Girl Scouts, YMCA Little Indian Guides, and coaching local youth soccer leagues.

Mike Dages - District 5

Raised in Fresno, Councilmember Dages graduated from McLane High School and has lived in Fresno all his life.



Having served in the Navy, including one year spent in Vietnam, Mr. Dages received an honorable discharge in 1971. Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Dages found employment as a delivery truck driver with a local company. In 1974, Mr. Dages earned his real estate license and obtained an Associate Science degree in real estate from Fresno City College in 1976.

From 1976 to the present, Mike Dages has been an active real estate broker in Fresno, and has dealt with agriculture, residential, and commercial properties. In 1981, Mr. Dages opened an antique store for a hobby that soon turned into a nine-year profitable business. Simultaneously, he started a Vocational School where economically disadvantaged students were taught skills to enter the job market. The school had an 88 percent placement rate. In 1983, Mr. Dages co-founded the California Leaders Association, an organization created to provide business leads to executives in the

community.

Mr. Dages was appointed by Councilmember Sal Quintero as Council Assistant to District 5 in January 1995. As assistant to the Councilmember and assistant to the first president of the Fresno City Council, his duties included handling district concerns in an efficient and expeditious manner. This included resolving neighborhood concerns, overseeing public works, parks and recreation projects, channeling police complaints, eliminating slum landlords from Southeast Fresno, and removing unwanted autos and debris. In 2002, Councilmember Dages was elected by the voters of District 5 as their representative to the City Council.

Jerry Duncan - District 6

Councilmember Duncan was born December 31, 1952, in Fresno. Mr. Duncan and his wife Sandy have two children, Brandi and Rick. Mr. Duncan's interests and hobbies include computers, travel, American history, fishing, hunting, photography, and skiing. Mr. Duncan graduated from Palo Alto High School in 1971, and went on to Michigan State University where he earned his Bachelors of Art in Marketing in 1976. Mr. Duncan served as President and Co-Founder of Mega-Prints, Inc. from 1998-2001. Previously he was President & Co-Founder of Pro-Screen, Inc. (1993-2000), Founder and Owner of Quick-Signs (1991-1997), and Product Marketing and Advertising Manager, Duncan Enterprises, (1978-1990).



Henry T. Perea - District 7

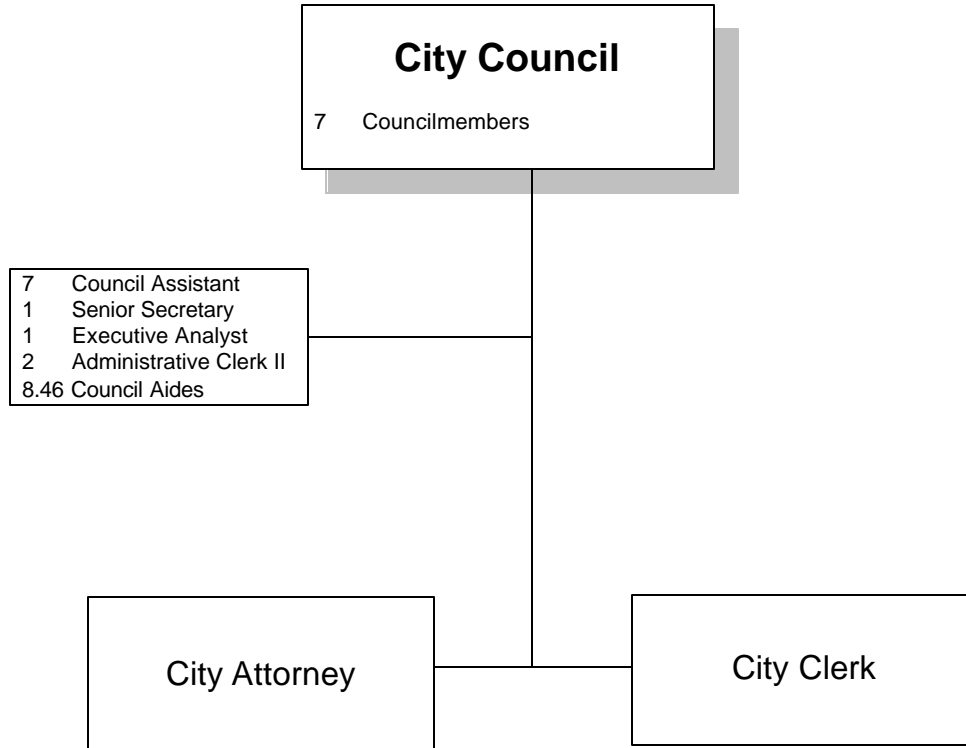
Councilmember Perea made his mark in history by becoming the youngest person elected to the Fresno City Council at the age of 25. Sworn in on January 7th, 2003, Mr. Perea immediately followed through on a commitment he made to the citizens of his district by introducing legislation to improve the air quality of the City of Fresno by providing alternatives to wood burning fireplaces. Mr. Perea serves as a member of the Budget Committee, Interagency Housing Task Force, Fresno County Transportation Authority, the Interagency for Neighborhood Schools Development Team, as well as Mayor Alan Autry's alternate on the Fresno County Council of Governments, and the Acting Council President. Mr. Perea campaigned on a commitment to improve public safety, business development, and neighborhood revitalization for the families of his district.

Henry T. Perea was born and raised in the 7th District of the City of Fresno in California's San Joaquin Valley.



He attended Saint Helen's Elementary and is a graduate of San Joaquin Memorial High School. He is also a graduate of California State University, Fresno, with a bachelor's degree in political science. Mr. Perea began his career in public service as a District Representative to Central Valley Congressman Cal Dooley of the 20th Congressional District. He served in areas such as economic development, defense, as well as coordinating the Federal grant program. While assisting the Congressman, he was able to ensure that the Lemoore Naval Air Station secured vital funding to provide for its' servicemen and their families. Mr. Perea continued his career in public service by assuming a District Representative position with Fresno City Councilmember Brad Castillo. Through his position with Mr. Castillo, Mr. Perea was able to serve on the Budget Committee, the Empowerment Zone Committee, and as Mr. Castillo's representative to the Redevelopment Agency.

Councilmember Perea has followed his families' long tradition of public service. His father, Henry R. Perea, served on the Fresno City Council for six years, and was elected as the Fresno City Council President. His mother, Maria Trevino, serves as an investigator for the Fresno County District Attorney's Office. Councilmember Perea has two siblings, Annalisa and Thomas. Councilmember Perea brings to the Fresno City Council a desire for finding solutions to today's problems and a commitment to providing a safer, healthier, and kinder city for our families' future.



18.00	Permanent Full-Time Equivalent Positions
<u>8.46</u>	Temporary Equivalent Positions
<u>26.46</u>	Authorized Positions

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS SUMMARY

DIVISION	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
District 1	3.32	4.24	3.24
District 2	3.27	3.27	3.27
District 3	4.12	2.80	2.80
District 4	3.43	2.76	3.76
District 5	3.96	3.62	3.62
District 6	2.99	3.14	3.14
District 7	3.91	3.63	3.63
City Council Support	3.00	3.00	3.00
TOTAL	<u>28.00</u>	<u>26.46</u>	<u>26.46</u>

DEPARTMENT FUNDING BY SOURCE

Fund	FY 2002 Actuals	FY 2003 Actuals	FY 2004 Amended	FY 2005 Adopted
General Fund Support	\$ 2,051,800	\$ 2,229,700	\$ 2,306,500	\$ 2,642,300
TOTAL \$	<u>2,051,800</u>	<u>2,229,700</u>	<u>2,306,500</u>	<u>2,642,300</u>

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY APPROPRIATIONS

Expenditures	FY 2002 Actuals	FY 2003 Actuals	FY 2004 Amended	FY 2005 Adopted
Council District 1 Division	\$ 146,900	\$ 197,100	\$ 217,700	\$ 237,900
Council District 2 Division	184,600	182,300	182,600	237,900
Council District 3 Division	177,600	184,100	190,100	237,900
Council District 4 Division	182,400	181,500	212,800	267,900
Council District 5 Division	182,200	191,600	187,900	237,900
Council District 6 Division	168,400	178,500	184,100	237,900
Council District 7 Division	227,100	210,400	187,900	237,900
Council City Support Division	782,600	904,200	943,400	947,000
TOTAL \$	<u>2,051,800</u>	<u>2,229,700</u>	<u>2,306,500</u>	<u>2,642,300</u>

BUDGET COMMENTS

Interdepartmental Charges: The Department's adopted budget for FY 2005 fully funds increases in interdepartmental (ID) charges and workers' compensation insurance.

- The FY 2005 adopted budget for Council operating budgets may vary for Council Districts due to the following:
 - ▶ The Council President's budget includes additional funding for the President's salary, the Executive Analyst to the Council position, and an amount to cover operating expenditures incurred by the President over and above the normal operations of a Council District.
- On August 15, 2000, the Council adopted Resolution No. 2000-49 which increased compensation for the services of each Councilmember from \$33,120 per annum to \$44,510 per annum commencing with a new term of office. In FY 2003, Councilmembers in four Districts received the revised salary for a full year and Councilmembers in three Districts received the revised salary for a half year. In FY 2004, Councilmembers in all seven Council Districts received the revised salary.
- District 6 reallocated \$3,800 of Recurring Vehicle Allowance to the Fire Department to purchase new turnouts in FY 2004.
- The budgets include expenses for Councilmember's compensation, vehicle allowance, expense allowance, district support staff, and operating expenses for each of the Council Districts.
- In the Authorized Position listing, the position of Executive Analyst to the Council is reflected in the Council District in which the position will reside on July 1st.
- One-half year of appropriations was budgeted in Contingency in District 4. This practice is consistent with City policy for elected officials leaving office in January.
- The Council Support Interdepartmental charges decreased \$33,400. Items funded from the decrease include increases in salaries, contract extra-help, office supplies, and a printer consistent with expenditure trends.
- Council Infrastructure budgets were decreased from \$175,000 to \$50,000 per district to partially fund the debt service for the "No Neighborhood Left Behind" Master Plan. In addition, the \$50,000 of discretionary funds were reallocated from the District's capital to operating budget. Districts may use up to \$26,250 of these funds for community service activities.